

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: **Bell, et al.**
SERIAL NO.: **09/937,542** GROUP ART UNIT: **3734**
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FOR: **Scalpel Assembly** DATE: January 6, 2009

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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY
STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

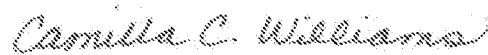
Sir:

This statement is provided to summarize the interview held on Monday, December 8, 2008 between Examiner Victor X. Nguyen and the undersigned Attorney for Applicant and is responsive to the Interview Summary Form PTOL-413 mailed on December 18, 2008.

In the Examiner's Interview Summary, the Examiner characterized the Interview as containing a discussion on ways "to distinguish applicant's collet with a through bore and a slot from the collet structure of Friedman and Jessen references." This characterization of the Interview is not accurate. In fact, during the Interview the Attorney for Applicant pointed out to the Examiner that the space between the rivets 4 in Friedman is not a bore (nor are the rivets a collet as described and claimed).

The Examiner noted that he could not find the claimed collet and bore in the figures of the application. In an effort to help the Examiner understand the claimed invention, the Attorney for Applicant pointed out the collet 22 as well as the bore 24 in Figures 1-2. The undersigned also noted to the Examiner that the term "bore" is a general English language term and that the term is clearly defined and used in the specification of the application. The Examiner reiterated his position that the space on the scalpel of Friedman is a bore as described and claimed.

Respectfully submitted,

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